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Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 26-Aug-00 (Thousand Head)

	Current Week 08/26/00	Previous Week 08/19/00
Bro-Fry	160,470	163,101
Lt Hens	1,860	1,706
Hvy Hens	1,542	1,591

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 19-Aug-00 (Thousand Head)

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	400	32	432
Last Week	360	22	382
Same Wk Yr Ago	354	0	354
To Date 2000	15,831	197	16,028
To Date 1999	15,867	199	16,066

(R) Revised

Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,215	1,558	3,773
Last Week	2,324	1,771	4,095
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,306	1,564	3,870
To Date 2000	80,231	47,644	127,875
To Date 1999	86,697	45,398	132,095

Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 19-Aug-00 (Thousand Head)

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	158,583(A)	1,815	1,526	3,341
Avg Wt	4.83	3.48	7.90	5.50
Last Week	159,036	1,964	1,749	3,713
Same Week Yr Ago	154,016	1,952	1,564	3,516
Avg Wt	4.81	3.34	7.46	5.17
To-Date/2000	5,111,111	64,400	47,447	111,847
To-Date/1999	5,005,658	70,830	45,199	116,029

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier were 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.5 million head or 3.3 million head less than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending August 12, 2000**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	38,353	38,735	38,866
Avg Weight	3.72	4.77	5.98
% Of Total /1	33%	33%	34%
Comparisons			
Last Week	27,507	40,081	36,292
Avg Weight	3.80	4.78	6.04
% Of Total /1	26%	39%	35%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	38,751	41,434	31,176
Avg Weight	3.77	4.83	5.99
% Of Total /1	35%	37%	28%

To Date/2000	1,060,274	1,063,462	1,306,853
To Date/1999	1,054,707	951,563	1,346,898

/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding

/2 Comparable Week

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 19-Aug-00
(Thousand Head)**

	Young Hens	Toms	Young Breeder	Old Breeder	Total
Head	2,279	2,950	74	27	5,330
Avg Wt	15.64	32.07	24.08	25.64	24.90
Head Sltr Comparisons					
Last Week 06/03/00	2,317	2,973	35	2	5,327
Same Week Yr Ago	6,340 (C)		21	64	6,425
Avg Wt	23.69 (C)		19.86	26.73	23.71
To-Date/2000	152,954 (C)		781	912	154,647
To-Date/1999	157,439 (C)		512	1,182	159,133
CHECK TOTAL	10,914,149	150,439	104,092	246,420	365,040

(B) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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